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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, September 27th, 1873.

The Mulberry Baptist Association convened with the Providence Church, Baker County, Alabama, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in Sept., 1873—being the Forty-sixth Annual Meeting.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Isaac H. Hagler, from the 11th chapter and 30th verse of Proverbs: "He that winneth souls is wise."

After which, a short recess was given, and the Delegates assembled in the Church house. Elder Isaac M. Hicks, the former Moderator, called the body to order, and, after singing, offered prayer.

Then proceeded to read the letters from the Churches, and enroll the names of delegates, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Haysop—M. H. Sherbet, J. L. Ward,* J. Creel,* E. Miller.*
Union—J. L. Creel,* H. W. Shows,* S. Mayfield, Adam Fikes.
Spring Hill—M. Morrison, L. Stewart,* J. Arnold.*
South Sandy—F. M. Tubb,* J. S. Townsend,* D. Dockery.*
Liberty—I. H. HAGLER, F. M. HOBSON, J. H. Deweese.
Elliott's Creek—A. J. RUSSELL,* Wm. Phipps,* W. Kirkley.*
Mulberry—not represented.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Antioch—J. M. LANGSTON, D. WARD, J. J. PERSON,* J. Risinger, A. G. Woolley, A. G. Langston.
Shady Grove—J. M. Burke,* B. F. Narramore, J. Walker.
Rehoboth—J. M. HICKS, W. N. Huckabee, C. W. Latham, Sam'l Latham.
Macedonia—T. J. Elam, D. Z. Merchants, A. Smith.
Chestnut Hill—L. Bearden,* T. D. Kenney,* J. J. Stewart.*

THIRD DISTRICT.

Centre Hill—JAS. ALLEN, J. J. Lowery, T. E. Maroney.*
Mount Hope—Not represented.
Providence—R. M. HONEYCUTT, W. P. Lewis, J. Boyd.
Liberty Hill—W. D. Foshee, W. Foshee,* H. M. Foshee.
New Salem—J. W. Maddox, P. C. Nix, J. Gore,* G. W. Sarrrell.*
Pleasant Grove—J. Thomas, Jno. Gothard, E. Dawson.
Jemison—Wm. Oneil, W. T. Smith.

Then proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk.

Elder ISAAC M. HICKS was re-elected Moderator, and J. H. DEWEESE, Clerk.

The Constitution, Abstract of Principles, and Rules of Decorum were read.

Invited Ministers not messengers to seats with us.

Opened the door for the reception of Churches; whereupon, Pleasant Grove and Jemison Churches presented petitionary letters to join this Association, which were received by the Moderator, extending the right hand of fellowship to their delegates.

On motion, appointed the following Committees:

On Preaching—John Gotlfard, A. G. Woolley, M. H. Sherbet, with the Deacons of Providence Church.

On Arrangement of Business—I. H. Hagler, J. M. Langston, R. M. Honeycutt, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On Finance—Jordan Risinger, W. N. Huckabee, J. J. Lowery.

On Sabbath Schools and Documents—F. M. Hobson, T. J. Elam, J. J. Lowery.

Received correspondence as follows:

From Unity Association—Elder Wm. Lee, Messenger.

From Shelby Association—Letter and package of Minutes.

From Mud Creek Association—Letter and package of Minutes.

From Tuskaloosa Association—Letter and package of Minutes.

The Committee on Preaching made the following report:

Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock, Sabbath morning. Brother William Lee to preach at 10 o'clock, followed by Brother F. M. Hobson.

Then adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder Wm. Lee.

SABBATH, September 28th, 1873.

The services were conducted as arranged by the Committee on Preaching. The congregation was large and attentive, and no doubt it was a day that will be long held in remembrance by many precious souls that were present.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Sept. 29th, 1873.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and joined in singing. Prayer by Bro. Jas. Allen.

On motion, called the roll and marked absentees. (See Table.)

On motion, the report of the Committee on Arrangement of Business was called for, which was read, received and adopted and observed in the following order of business:

Returned correspondence to the Tuskaloosa Association. Brethren F. M. Hobson, I. H. Hagler, J. H. Deweese, Messengers. Deweese to write.

To Unity Association—J. M. Langston, W. H. Huckabee, Messengers. Langston to write.

To Shelby Association—J. Risinger. John Boyd to write.

To Mud Creek Association—Brother J. J. Person, Messenger. J. M. Langston to write.

To the Cahaba Association—Brethren M. Morrison, Adam Fikes, Messengers. J. H. Deweese to write.

On motion, called for the report of the committee on Sabbath Schools and Documents. The report was read, received and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

On motion, called for the report of the Committee on Finance. (See Appendix B.)

On motion, appointed the following Brethren to labor in the Sabbath School cause in their respective Districts, and to write up to the next Session of this Association the result of their labor, and all about the Sabbath School operations in their Districts.

1st Dist.—J. H. Deweese, A. Fikes, M. Morrison.

2d Dist.—T. J. Elam, Wm. J. Ruddick, W. N. Huckabee.

3d Dist.—J. J. Lowery, Wm. Oniel, W. T. Smith.

Called for the report of the Executive Committee that was appointed last Session. The Committee reported verbally that they did not take any action in the matter, for reasons assigned. Report was received, and Committee discharged.

On motion, called for the report of the Committee that was appointed to collect some money from H. E. Longerier. The Committee reported \$3 50 collected. Report received, and Committee discharged.

On motion, agreed to dispense with the item recommended by the last Session for the Churches to write up in their letters the amount they pay their Pastors for their services.

The next meeting of the 1st District will be held with South Sandy Church, commencing on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in Sept., 1874; Elder A. J. Russell to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Isaac H. Hagler, alternate. Subjects for discussion: 1st. What is the duty of the Church towards her gitts? Discussion to be opened by Wm. Pierson. 2d. What is a call to the Ministry? Discussion to be opened by J. H. Deweese.

The next meeting of the 2d District will be held with Macedonia Church, commencing on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1874; J. M. Langston to preach Introductory Sermon—J. J. Stewart, alternate. Subjects for discussion: 1st. May we not with as much consistency invite Pedo-Baptist Ministers to our communion table as into our pulpits? T. J. Elam and D. Ward to open the discussion. 2d. What constitutes a call to the Ministry? J. M. Langston and R. Spinks to open the discussion. 3d. Is there such a thing as the Baptism of

the Holy Ghost now as in the days of the Apostles? J. M. Hicks and J. J. Person to open the discussion.

The next meeting of the 3d district will be held with Liberty Hill Church, commencing on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in August, 1874; James Allen to preach the Introductory Sermon—A. B. Hill, alternate.

The next Session of this Association will be held with Rehoboth Church, four miles west of Randolph, Bibb County, Ala., commencing on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in Sept., 1874; Elder A. B. Hill to preach the Introductory Sermon—Elder F. M. Hobson, alternate.

On motion, agreed to have 600 copies of these Minutes printed, and that the Clerk superintend the same, and that he reserve 50 copies for correspondence.

On motion, agreed to pay the Clerk \$15. for his services.

It was ordered that the Clerk pay \$6 to J. J. Lowery, money sent up last year by Centre Hill and Mount Hope Churches for Domestic Missions, if not having been applied to that purpose.

Appointed J. H. Deweese Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Appointed J. H. Deweese distributing agent for the 1st District, J. M. Langston for the 2d District, and R. M. Honeycutt for the 3d District.

Ordered, that the Clerk deposit the Minutes for the 2d District at Davidson's store, in Centreville, Bibb county, Ala., and send those for the 3d District by mail to Montevallo, Shelby county, Ala.

On motion, appointed J. H. Deweese to write a Circular Letter, to be printed with the Minutes next year. Subject—What is the duty of the Pastor to the Church, and the duty of the Church to the Pastor?

Ordered, that the Clerk write a corresponding letter and have it printed with these Minutes. (See Appendix C.)

Resolved, That this Association return thanks to the brethren and sisters of Providence Church, and friends in the vicinity, who labored so faithfully for our comfort during the Session.

The Association having disposed of all the business before it, a hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by Elder Wm. Lee.

The parting hand was given, and the Association adjourned to meet at the time and place before written.

J. H. DEWEESE,
Clerk.

ISAAC M. HICKS,
Moderator.

APPENDIX A.

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools and Documents:—
We notice from the reading of the letters from the Churches but two or three of them report anything about Sabbath Schools; but upon conversing with brethren from the different Districts and parts of the Association, are gratified to learn that the spirit for carrying on Sunday Schools is on the increase, and we admonish the Pastors, brethren and sisters of the churches composing this Association to go on and encourage the Heaven-blessed institution. We notice that Antioch Church has ordained J. J. Person, to preach the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. HOBSON, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

Report of Committee on Finance:

Received from the churches	\$48 85
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APPENDIX C.

*Corresponding Letter to Sister Associations:—*Receive this our Letter, with our Minutes and Messengers, as a token of our regard toward you, and expression of our desire to continue correspondence with you. Viewing ourselves as belonging to one family, and contending for the same cause, we wish to keep up correspondence with you. We will convene with Rehoboth Church, on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in Sept., 1874 (four miles west of Randolph, Bibb county, Ala.), at which time and place we will be pleased to meet with you.

J. H. DEWEESE.

TREASURER AND CLERK'S REPORT.

Mulberry Association

In account with J. H. DEWEESE,		DR.
To cash paid printing Minutes.....	\$27 50	
“ Clerk's fees.....	15 00	
Domestic Mission money paid J. J. Lowery.....	6 00	
Paid Clerk balance due last year.....	1 60	
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To cash received from Finance Committee.....	\$48 85	
By cash from I. M. Hicks.....	3 50	
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STATISTICS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	COUNTY	POST OFFICE.
{ Hayson.....	I H Hagler.....	Centreville	Bibb.....
Union.....	F M Hobson.....	Scottsville.	Bibb.....
Spring Hill.....	W O Stephens	Five Mile.	Hale.....
South Sandy.....	F M Hobson.....	Scottsville.	Tuskal'a..
Liberly.....	F M Hobson.....	Scottsville.	Tuskal'a..
Elliott's Creek..	Wm Lee.....	Five Mile.	Hale.....
Mulberry.....	Not represent'd		
{ Antioch.....	J M Langston.	Brierfield.	Bibb.....
Chestnut Hill.....	J J Stewart....	Randolph.	Dallas....
Shady Grove.....	R Woods.....	Montevallo	Selby.....
Rehoboth.....	I M Hicks.....	Randolph.	Bibb.....
Macedonia.....	R M Honeycutt.	Randolph.	Baker.....
{ Centre Hill.....	Jas Allen.....	Baker.....	Baker.....
Providence.....	Jas Allen.....	Baker.....	Baker.....
Liberly Hill.....	R M Honeycutt.	Randolph.	Baker.....
New Sakm.....	F M Vines.....		
Mount Hope.....	Not represent'd		
Jemison.....	T J Miles.....	Jemison..	Baker.....
Pleasant Grove..	R M Honeycutt.	Jemism'n.	Baker.....

